

Balanced Growth

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Ohio's Balanced Growth Plan: *What is it?*

Balanced Growth: A voluntary, incentive-based strategy to protect and restore Lake Erie, the Ohio River, and Ohio's watersheds to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life.

Ohio Balanced Growth Program recommendations include:

- A regional focus on land use and development planning.
- The creation of local Watershed Planning Partnerships to designate, Priority Conservation Areas (PCA) and Priority Development Areas (PDA) and Priority Agricultural Areas (PAA).
- The alignment of state policies, incentives, funding, and other resources to support watershed balanced growth planning and implementation.
- The implementation of recommended model regulations to help promote best local land use practices that minimize impacts on water quality and provide for well planned development efficiently served by infrastructure.

ELCCT Balanced Growth Plan: *What is it?*

- A locally driven land use plan including the communities of Madison Township, North Perry Village, Perry Village, Perry Township, Painesville Township and Fairport Harbor.
- A planning tool that understands the need for development opportunities and economic growth yet places high value on the natural and environmental characteristics of the watershed.
- A plan that conforms to the local comprehensive plan of the communities.
- A plan which uses geographic information systems (GIS) to map natural, structural and environmental variables in order to create a "landscape portfolio" of the watershed. This map will provide the basis for identifying PCA's, PDA's and PAA's by the communities.
- A compilation of maps, statistics, and land use strategies available to local decision making boards, elected officials, residents, and the private sector to help guide future land development activities.
- A tool to bring multiple communities together to address common variables, concerns and strategies associated with long-term land use and its impact on the communities and region.

